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In re the Application of

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2002, the finality of which was withdrawn by a grant mailed on September 19, 2002 of a petition to withdraw filed on August 29, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows (Exhibit I contains the claim showing changes made):

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<sup>1.</sup> (Amended) A procurement system for purchasing a special item between a buyer of the special item and a supplier capable of supplying the special item, said system comprising:  
a fulfillment system for communicating between said buyer and said supplier;  
a database associated with said fulfillment system, said special item not being located within said database;  
a special requisition for describing said special item; and  
updated information, wherein said updated information is obtained in part from said special requisition and added to said database for future reference.